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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y ADDEE BANGKOK VICE BOGOTA

TAGS: SEATO

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN SEATO MILITARY  
ACTIVITIES

REF: MANILA 14152; CANBERRA 06785

CINCPAC FOR POLAD.

1. AN AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF ON OCTOBER 14 TELEPHONED DEPTOFF  
TO INFORM US THAT IN LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE  
SEATO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN NEW YORK THE  
GOA HAD DECIDED TO ABSENT ITSELF FROM ALL CURRENT AND  
FUTURE SEATO MILITARY EXERCISES AND MILITARY RELATED  
EVENTS, SUCH AS THE ANNUAL SEMINAR ON VILLAGE DEFENSE  
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AND DEVELOPMENT. IN MAKING THIS LOW KEY APPROACH,

THE AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF STATED THAT THE GOA'S PARTICIPATION IN SEATO MILITARY ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN AN EMBARRASSMENT TO CANBERRA FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AND THE GOA HOPED THAT SEATO'S OFFICE OF SECURITY AFFAIRS AND THE VARIOUS MILITARY EXERCISES AND RELATED EVENTS COULD BE DISCONTINUED BY THE ORGANIZATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES IN OTHER SEATO COUNTRIES WILL INFORM THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE GOA DECISION.

2. COMMENT: THE GOA'S POSITION IS NOT UNEXPECTED, AND WE BELIEVE NO ACTION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL OR MODIFY THE GOA'S STANCE. HOPEFULLY THE GOA WILL KEEP THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS LOW KEY AS POSSIBLE, AND NOT ATTEMPT TO MAKE DOMESTIC POLITICAL POINTS FROM IT. INGERSOLL

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